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Applicant : Paul P. Elko et al

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed is a PTO Form 1449 as well as a copy of the non-U.S. patent reference cited therein. According to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(3)(i), the Applicants are required to provide a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood, regarding the content of the information of the German patent that is not in the English language. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the relevance of the cited foreign patent is related to the Figures depicted in said foreign patent, as they relate to the subject matter of the present invention. In other words, the Figures of the foreign patent appear to disclose an application related to the subject matter of the present invention.

The reference is being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and the requisite fee of \$180.00 is attached hereto.

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It is respectfully submitted that all requirements have been fulfilled for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or otherwise to facilitate prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
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#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent **50** **25**  
 Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent **200** **100**  
 Multiple dependent claims **360** **180**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20	=	x	= \$0.00
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25
200	100
360	180

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